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SUBJ: MTN: NTM WORKING SUBGROUP CHAIRMEN

1. LAST WEEK U.S. AND EC REACHED BASIC AGREEMENT ON IDENTIFY OF CHAIRMEN FOR MTN SUBGROUPS AS FOLLOWS: QR'S, CHEDDA; CUSTOMS, DUNKEL; STANDARDS, PETER WILLIAMS; SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAIL, PASSIN (PREFERRED) OR KAUTZOR-SCHROEDER. HIJZEN CONFIRMED THIS AGREEMENT TO AMBASSADOR WALKER IN BRUSSELS ON MONDAY. LUYTEN MODIFIED EC POSITION TO BE THAT THEY APPROVED ANY SECRETARIAT APPOINTEE TO THE TWO SECRETARIAT-DESIGNATED WORKING GROUP CHAIRMANSIPS AND WOULD NOT PROPOSE THE INDIVIDUALS WE SELECTED (THAT WAS TO BE OUR JOB). BUT THEY WOULD MAKE CLEAR TO LONG THAT THEY CONCURRED WITH U.S. AND THAT THE AGREEMENT DEPENDED UPON U.S. BEING SATISFIED WITH SECRETARIAT APPOINTEES.

2. AUSTRALIA (MOORE-WILTON) DID NOT WISH TO SETTLE UNTIL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE AGRICULTURE SUBGROUP CHAIRMEN (THEY ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT MEAT SUBGROUP) BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IF THIS WAS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EC AND THE U.S. THEY WOULD NOT BLOCK IT. THEY PREFER THE ENTIRE PACKAGE TO BE SETTLED AT A 7 PLUS 7 MEETING AROUND SEPTEMBER 15. CANADA (GREY) MORE FLIXIBLE AND GENERALLY SAW NO OBJECTION TO THIS SETTLEMENT, THOUGH DOES NOT APPROVE KAUTZOR-SCHROEDER.

3. AMBASSADOR WALKER AND LUYTEN INITIATED MEETING THIS AFTERNOON WITH LONG TO ADVISE HIM OF U.S.-EC POSITION. LONG REITERATED HIS POSITION THAT HE MUST HAVE THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY TO ASSIGN SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL AND THAT HE COULD NOT HAVE CONTRACTING PARTIES DESIGNATING PARTICULAR SECRETARIAT ASSIGNMENTS. AT THE SAME TIME HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE NEED FOR DISCREET DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH IS HOW HE VIEWED THIS MEETING. HE INDICATED THAT WILLIAMS WAS THE LOGICAL CHOICE FOR STANDARDS BUT THAT HE MIGHT HAVE TROUBLE NAMING PASSIN SINCE THERE MIGHT BE OTHER TASKS WHICH PASSIN SHOULD UNDERTAKE WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH CHAIRING A SUBGROUP. HE ALSO SAID THAT PASSIN HAD BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL FOR SIX WEEKS AND WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE COULD GET BACK TO WORK IN SEPTEMBER. AS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES, HE SUGGESTED KAUTZOR-SCHROELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DER OR LINDEN.

4. AMBASSADOR WALKER, SUPPORTED BY LUYTEN, STRESSED THAT U.S. SATISFACTION ON THE IDENTITY OF THE SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL WAS ESSENTIAL TO THIS COMPROMISE AND URGED UPON LONG HIS OWN POINT, THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE TO RESOLVE THE MATTER PROMPTLY.

5. LONG AGREED TO RESPOND SOON, BUT HE WISHES TO TALK WITH PAT-

TERSON FIRST. HE WILL TRY TO REACH PATTERSON IN PHILADELPHIA.
AT LATEST HE AGREED TO ADVISE AMBASSADOR WALKER FURTHER BY MID-
AUGUST WHEN PATTERSON RETURNS TO GENEVA.

6. COMMENT: SUGGEST DISCREET CALL BY AMBASSADOR DENT TO PATTERSON STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO THIS ARRANGEMENT COULD HELP CLOSE THE DEAL.

7. ON SUBJECT OF GRAINS SUBGROUP, EC WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY FORMALLY REJECT VAN BUKERIND (THEY VIEW HAVING A MEMBER COUNTRY NATIONAL AS A SUBGROUP CHAIRMAN AS CREATING STRESSES WITHIN THE EC) AND THEY ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT PATTERSON AS BOTH SUBGROUP CHAIRMAN AND WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN. MTN DEL UNDERSTANDS U.S. COULD ALSO ACCEPT PATTERSON IN BOTH ROLES. IF THIS IS SO, AUSTRALIAN POSITION ON MEAT SUBGROUP CHAIRMAN ONLY STICKING POINT. WALKER

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